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TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS

AMCONSUL HAMILTON

AMCONSUL MARTINIQUE BY POUCH

XMT AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY ACCRA

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

USINT ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

AMEMBASSY BANGUI

AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

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AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY MASERU  
AMEMBASSY MBABANE  
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO  
AMEMBASSY MONROVIA  
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI  
AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA  
AMEMBASSY NIAMEY  
AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
AMEMBASSY PORT LOUIS  
AMEMBASSY RABAT  
AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE  
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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INFORM CONSULS

ALGIERS, BANGUI, NDJAMENA, COTONOU, ADDIS ABABA, LIBREVILLE,  
BANJUL, ACCRA, CONAKRY, ABIDJAN, NAIROBI, MASERU, MONROVIA,  
TRIPOLI, TANANARIVE, BLANTYRE, BAMAKO, PORT LOUIS, RABAT,  
LOURENCO MARQUES, NIAMEY, LAGOS, KIGALI, DAKAR, FREETOWN,  
MOGADISCIO, PRETORIA, KHARTOUM, MBABANE, LOME, TUNIS,  
DAR ES SALAAM, OUAGADOUGOU, LUSAKA BY POUCH

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TAGS: ETRN, XX

SUBJ: FAA SECURITY BULLETIN ASE-73-34

1. THE FOLLOWING FAA SECURITY BULLETIN IS PROVIDED FOR  
YOUR INFORMATION AND AT OST'S DISCRETION, MAY BE PASSED  
TO HOST GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES. THE INFORMATION HAS BEEN  
MADE AVAILABLE TO US AIR CARRIERS BY FAA.

2. QUOTE SUBJECT: NEW ARAB TERRORIST TACTICS  
INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT ARAB TERRORISTS MAY BE  
CHANGING THEIR TACTICS IN HIJACKING OPERATIONS. IN ORDER  
TO PREVENT DETECTION AND POSSIBLE ARREST, ARAB TERRORISTS  
REPORTEDLY PLAN TO TAKE HOSTAGES PRIOR TO THEIR BOARDING  
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A TARGETED AIRCRAFT. PREVIOUS PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN FOR  
ARAB HIJACKERS TO GO THROUGH THE AIR TERMINAL AND BOARD  
THE AIRCRAFT AS PASSENGERS. THIS PROCEDURE CARRIED THE  
RISK OF DETECTION BY AIRPORT AUTHORITIES WHILE CONDUCTING  
THEIR SEARCH FOR WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES. TO MINIMIZE  
THIS RISK, ARAB TERRORISTS ALLEGEDLY INTEND TO TAKE THEIR  
HOSTAGES FROM AIRLINE BUSES OR OTHER VEHICLES WHICH CARRY  
PASSENGERS TO THE AIRCRAFT. THIS TACTIC WOULD PROVIDE

ACCESS TO THE TARGETED AIRCRAFT WITHOUT BEING SUBJECTED TO  
CONTROL AND SEARCH FOR CONCEALED WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES BY  
THE AURHORITIES.

FAA COMMENT: THIS OFFICE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THE  
ABOVE CHANGE IN TACTICS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE USE OF  
SUCH A TACTIC AGAINST A STERILE CONCOURSE WOULD BE  
DIFFICULT, WHEREAS IT COULD BE SUCCESSFUL AGAINST A  
GATE PLAN OPERATION. UNQUOTE. RUSH

NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED ALL ADDRESSEES IN FIRST PARAGRAPH.

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